## IN THE CLAIMS

- 1. (Original) A substrate useful for making an endless belt in a papermaking machine application comprising a plurality of preformed layers and a polymeric coating or impregnating material or rubber material that is part of a respective layer, wherein each preformed layer is a textile layer or a textile layer coated/impregnated with resin or the rubber material, and at least one layer of which contains a matrix of reinforcing components.
- 2. (Original) The substrate according to claim 1 wherein the layers are stacked in the form of a laminate.
- 3. (Original) The substrate according to claim 2 wherein the required number of layers is stacked for a particular application of the belt in a papermaking machine.
- 4. (Original) The substrate according to claim 1 wherein the preformed layers are comprised of woven, nonwoven or spiral wound strips of woven and nonwoven materials.
- 5. (Original) The substrate according to claim 4 wherein the nonwoven materials are spun bonded, wet laid, air laid, knitted, extruded, or spiral-linked.
- 6. (Original) The substrate according to claim 1, wherein the substrate is coated on at least one outside surface with a polymeric resin material or the rubber material.
- 7. (Original) The substrate according to claim 6, wherein the polymeric resin material is a thermoplastic resin or thermosetting polymer.
- 8. (Original) The substrate according to claim 7 wherein the resin is from the group consisting of polyurethane, polypropylene, polyethylene, and silicone.
- 9. (Original) The substrate according to claim 1, wherein at least one preformed layer is

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comprised of yarns having a circular cross section.

- 10. (Original) The substrate according to claim 1 wherein the reinforcing components are fabricated from monofilaments, multifilaments, continuous fine filaments or spun yarns of synthetic fibers.
- 11. (Original) The substrate according to claim 10, wherein the filaments or fibers have profiled or multi-lobed cross sections.
- 12. (Original) The substrate according to claim 1, wherein an outer surface of the substrate has grooves or blind-drilled holes.
- 13. (Original) The substrate according to claim 1, wherein the layers include: a. a surface layer; b. an intermediate layer; c. a reinforced central core layer; and d. a backing layer.
- 14. (Withdrawn) A method of making a substrate of an endless belt to be used in papermaking applications comprising the steps of: a. coating or impregnating at least one layer of a plurality of layers of a material, at least one of which contains a reinforcing material, to form a preformed coated or impregnated layer; b. combining the coated or impregnated layers to form a structure; and c. processing the structure to form a laminate.
- 15. (Withdrawn) The substrate according to claim 14, wherein at least one layer is comprised of yarns having a circular cross section.
- 16. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 14 wherein the layers are comprised of monofilaments, multifilaments, continuous fine filaments, or staple fibers.
- 17. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 16 wherein the filaments or fibers have profiled or multi-lobed cross-sections.
- 18. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 16 further comprising a step of creating

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grooves or blind-drilled holes in an outer surface of the substrate.

- 19. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 14 wherein the at least one layer is coated or impregnated with a polymeric resin.
- 20. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 19 wherein the polymeric resin is from the group consisting of polyurethane, polypropylene, polyethylene, and silicone.
- 21. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 19 wherein the polymeric resin is in the form of a sheet.
- 22. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 14, wherein the reinforcing material is comprised of woven, nonwoven or spiral wound strips of woven and nonwoven materials.
- 23. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 22, wherein the nonwoven materials are spun bonded, wet laid, air laid, knitted, extruded, or spiral-linked.
- 24. (Withdrawn) A method of making a substrate of an endless belt to be used in a papermaking application comprising the steps of: a. combining preformed layers of a material containing a matrix of a prepolymer and a curing agent to form a structure; b. processing the structure to form a laminate; and c. curing the structure.
- 25. (Withdrawn) A method of producing a papermaker's process belt comprising the steps of: coating or impregnating at least one layer of a plurality of layers of a preformed material with a polymer resin or rubber material, wherein at least one layer includes a reinforcing component for stability in a machine direction (MD) or a cross-machine direction (CD) of the belt; combining the layers to form a substrate or base substrate; and forming the substrate or base substrate into an endless belt.
- 26. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 25, further comprising the step of coating the belt with a polymeric resin or a rubber material on at least one outside surface.

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- 27. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 25, wherein said layers are laminated together by promoting a chemical reaction between respective layers.
- 28. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 25, wherein said layers are laminated together using heat and pressure.
- 29. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 25, wherein a respective layer is of a construction taken from the group consisting essentially of woven, or nonwoven, such as spirallink, MD or C D yarn arrays, knitted, extruded mesh, or material strips which are ultimately spiral wound to form a substrate having a width greater than a width of the strips.
- 30. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 25, wherein a component in a respective layer is one of thermoplastic, thermoset, reactive materials or rubber material.
- 31. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 25, wherein a respective textile layer is made by one of spun bonded, wet laid and air laid processes impregnated with a polymer resin or a rubber material.
- 32. (Original) A papermaker's process belt comprising layers of preformed material that are first coated with a polymer resin or rubber material and then combined to form a substrate of the belt, wherein at least one layer includes a reinforcing component for stability in a machine direction (MD) or a cross-machine direction (CD) of the belt.
- 33. (Original) The belt according to claim 32, wherein the finally formed belt has a resin-coat or a rubber material on at least one outside surface.
- 34. (Original) The belt according to claim 32, wherein the layers are laminated together by promoting a chemical reaction between respective layers.
- 35. (Original) The belt according to claim 32, wherein the layers are laminated together using

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heat and pressure.

- 36. (Original) The belt according to claim 32, wherein a respective layer is of a construction taken from the group consisting essentially of woven, or nonwoven, such as spiral-link, MD or CD yarn arrays, knitted, extruded mesh, or material strips which are ultimately spiral wound to form a layer having a width greater than a width of the strips.
- 37. (Original) The belt according to claim 32, wherein the polymer resin is one of thermoplastic, thermoset, or reactive materials.
- 38. (Original) The belt according to claim 32, wherein a respective textile layer is made by one of spun bonded, wet laid and air laid processes impregnated with resin or a rubber material.
- 39. (Original) The substrate according to claim 1, wherein the polymeric resin material is a thermoplastic resin or thermosetting polymer.
- 40. (Original) The substrate according to claim 1 wherein the resin is from the group consisting of polyurethane, polypropylene, polyethylene, and silicone.

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